

CONFESSION MAKES HALL-MILLS MURDER MORE OF A MYSTERY

Court House and gaped at its windows all through the morning, came twenty-three-year-old Joe Hayes, brother of the accused boy.

BROTHER DIDN'T DO IT, HE SAYS.

"My brother didn't do it," he shouted at a man who spoke to him sympathetically. "He is not that kind of a boy. He couldn't do it. He had no reason to do it."

"They may swing him for it but by heaven, they will never prove that he did that murder."

Hayes said his brother was an apologetic printer, but had been out of work for some time.

"Good God," he said after an effort to control his feelings, "if we only had more of those old-fashioned mothers who made a boy account for his time when he came in late we would all of us be better off." Then he broke down and was led away sobbing.

The police made a search of the Hayes home and found a revolver—not an automatic pistol. The belated autopsies held last week established beyond all doubt that an automatic pistol was used by the murderer.

When word was taken to the home of Mrs. Frances Hall, widow of the rector, against whom suspicions of the Prosecutors had been frankly directed as having "the motive and the opportunity" to commit the crime her ever loyal little old maid friend, Sally Peters, spoke for her.

"Isn't that fine?" she exclaimed. "Isn't it simply fine! What has Mr. Stricker got to say for himself now for the way he has been treating Frances and Willie?"

In review of the methods of the investigators of the murders published last Friday in The Evening World the first point made was that the Prosecutors had accepted the first statements made by Schneider and the Bahmer girl as truthful, though their story that they had found the bodies while "looking for mushrooms" was a patent lie.

A week after the murders the detectives persuaded Nicholas Bahmer to make a charge of incommunicability against his step-daughter in order to intimidate her into telling something they believed she was holding back. The girl asked for an opportunity of talking to her step-father, and after she had hissed four or five words into his ear the incommunicability charge was promptly withdrawn and the girl was allowed to go free.

Schneider is a married man, but, according to the other boys, had promised the Bahmer girl to get a divorce so that he could marry her if she would satisfy him as to his jealousy against Nick Bahmer.

"He it was a mistake," said James Mills, when told of Schneider's statement. "My God, what a mistake. I am not inclined to believe Schneider's story. At that, it may be true. But who is going to pay for the mistake? I have to pay for the funeral of my wife. What I get out of this is the wreck of my family."

"My little girl is in the last year of the high school. I cannot take her away from her education to help me. Mrs. Hall has servants at her command; I have to get my own meals and do my own washing, and have to hold down two jobs to support the church and of the Lord Sterling High School—to support myself and my two children."

If the statement of Schneider is true, the Prosecutor holds that it is of no legal importance now whether Mrs. Hall and her brother, William and Henry, were during the night of Sept. 14-15. The public curiosity as to the motives of the persons who tucked some of the erotic letters which had passed between Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills in his pocket and stored the results of their knowledge of the persons who admit presence at the murder tried to cut off the head of Mrs. Mills in insane rage and suspicion against the Bahmer girl may be brought out by the effect of counter accusations between Schneider and Hayes.

It may even be shown that during the two nights and a day and a half during which the bodies of the rector and Mrs. Mills lay on the floor under the crab apple tree that one or more of those who had taken over the place and set the ghastly scene in a way in which they thought would best direct suspicion to those who might have had a real reason for anger against the couple.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Business in New Brunswick was practically suspended to-day. Out of the murmur of voices on the street the only words which could be distinguished had to do with the confession of Schneider and the vindication of the wife of the rector accompanied by moralizing as to the justification of the precept "the wages of sin is death."

The city has just come to realize what the existence of a state of affairs disclosed by the murder investigation means. The official searchlight-dim as it has been—thrown across the place on the night of Sept. 14 has shown that two other couples, both members of the Rev. Mr. Hall's church and directed by him spiritually, were surreptitious visitors to the farm that same night. It is regarded as possible that there were still other trust keepers on the place.

Whether Schneider's confession is the whole truth or not, it is sufficient to establish that the murderers were in the group of which he was a member and that they did not flee from the scene in an automobile. Yet it is established that two automobiles running at top speed came from Easton Road across through into Landing Road immediately after the shots which killed the Rev. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were fired.

The authorities apparently have exaggerated Leo Kauffman from any share in the crime. As a reward for the frankness which he showed when he was questioned last night he was allowed to go home unattended.

Schneider and Hayes were kept awake all night. It was 8 o'clock this morning before Schneider consented to add his signature to the 300-word statement he had made.

SCHNEIDER SAYS HAYES WAS THE JEALOUS ONE.

"Hayes," said Schneider, "was insanely jealous of Pearl's stepfather and said he meant to kill them together. We hunted all over the Phillips farm for them. Then we saw the figures of two persons under the crab apple tree and Cliff said, 'There they are!' and began to shoot."

"I took one look at them and said, 'My God! We have made a mistake!' and we both ran. I don't know how Mrs. Mills's throat came to be cut or how the bodies were laid out."

Schneider said he took Pearl Bahmer to the spot Saturday to prove to her his story of the determination of Hayes to kill her and her stepfather. Leo Kauffman was kept on the grill until 11 o'clock last night. When released he said that he had told detectives that he met Schneider and Hayes in George Street about 10:30 the night of the murder, and with them followed Pearl Bahmer and a man who seemed to be intoxicated. Schneider was excited and angry.

"As we neared Seminary Place and George Street, Schneider took his coat off," Kauffman said, "and said that he was going to fight the man. I understood he was going to fight him over Pearl Bahmer. He gave the coat to Hayes, who put it on over his olive drab sweater. We saw the man and Pearl Bahmer go down an embankment toward the Raritan River at Bishop Place, and then Hayes took a pistol from a holster he carried under his sweater, and started to follow them. I told the detectives that Schneider warned Hayes that the man he was following was a bad fellow and Hayes replied: 'Don't mind; we're protected with this,' pointing to the pistol."

"WHO IS GOING TO PAY?" MILLS ASKS.

"Pearl Bahmer was crying and trying to pull away from the man. Hayes crowded right up behind them. The man saw him and said, 'What are you doing here?' and Hayes replied, 'I want to put in a couple of hours' sleep here.' Then the man and Pearl Bahmer walked back to George Street and started west. When they got to the College Avenue entrance to Ruston Park they disappeared. We were a considerable distance behind them at the time and we lost them."

"We walked further west on George Street until we were opposite the old pavilion near the Raritan River in the park. Then Schneider and Hayes started into the park. I followed them. They walked about 100 yards to the house occupied by Christ Huether, the special policeman in the park. They said they were looking for Pearl Bahmer and the man. We went around the policeman's house and came out of the park at the old entrance on College Avenue, between Huntington Street and the culvert. Then we walked back into the park to the entrance at Second Street, where Schneider lives."

Kauffman said, denied that he showed him and Schneider a pistol that night.

"Did either Schneider or Hayes say anything about having been at the Phillips farm earlier that night?" the boy was asked.

"Not a word then or since," he replied.

Although the detectives would not admit they were looking for a man and a woman who, the night the couple were slain, were at the outlying farm where the bodies were found, Kauffman said, "You are the vestryman questioned by the officials, and he had been asked by them if he was there."

HAD TAKEN MRS. MILLS FOR RIDE, SAYS GORSLINE.

"They asked me whether I had been a witness to the shooting of Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills," Mr. Gorsline said. "They seemed to have received information that I was at the lane leading to the farm. I told them I was not. I know a great many stories have been told about me, perhaps because of my frequent motor rides."

"Mrs. Mills and I had often sunned together in the choir. Frequently at the conclusion of a cantata she would judge me and whisper that my voice was the grandest she had ever heard."

At one time she said to me: "You are my ideal man, Ralph. I am not happy with my husband. Couldn't you love me?" I did not like Mrs. Mills's approach. It did not appeal to me to be vaunted in that fashion, so I did everything I could to discourage her.

"Soon after that she apparently set her cap for Mr. Hall and captured him. I received no further advances from her. Previously I had taken Mrs. Mills driving just as I took other members of the choir, men and women, but I never took her out alone. I never went out riding alone with any other woman except Mrs. Gorsline."

ENGINEERS' BANK PLANS BRANCH HERE

Stone Silent on Report Ford Will Deposit \$75,000,000.

Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is in New York planning to establish here a branch of the Locomotive Engineers' Bank of Cleveland. It was learned to-day that he was reported that Henry Ford is contemplating the deposit of \$75,000,000 in the bank.

Mr. Stone, who is stopping at the Hotel Belmont, declined to make any statement to-day regarding either report.

BERGEN MURDER TRIAL SET FOR OCTOBER 16

The trial of Alice Thornton, George Cline and Charles Scullion for the murder of John Hergen, a moving picture actor, at Edgewater, N. J., on the night of Aug. 25, will begin on Oct. 16 in the Bergen County Court House at Hackensack.

Principals in Hall-Mills Murder Mystery



JAMES MILLS

FINE SCOTCH BOOZE WENT TO RUSTON ON HIS SUBPOENA

David Hirschfeld Gets Testimony Showing What Became of Missing Whiskey.

David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, obtained statements from several witnesses to-day in support of his charge that District Attorney Ruston of Brooklyn has subpoenaed large quantities of liquor seized by the police and has retained the best of it for his personal use. The evidence to-day concerned three cases of Scotch.

The first witness before the Commissioner was Capt. John H. Gillen of the 76th Precinct, Brooklyn.

"On Sunday, May 9," said Gillen, "Patrolman John E. Isaacson seized a quantity of liquor at 524 Street and Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn. A part of the seizure consisted of nine cases of Black and White, Haig & Haig and King George IV. One case of Black and White was opened and a sample bottle was sent to District Attorney Ruston."

"Three days later Ruston subpoenaed three whole cases, one each of the three brands I have named. They were delivered on May 11, receipted for by Assistant District Attorney Snyder and never returned to my station."

Q. Do you know the process of prosecution in such cases? A. I do in a general way, but since the passage of the Prohibition Act I have not been quite so sure as I was under the old Excise Law. I do know, however, that the policeman who makes the seizure must submit a sample to a chemist, must afterward identify the sample, and that the chemist must testify to its alcoholic content. The case stands or falls by the sample, which may be any amount from an ounce to a half pint.

Q. When the District Attorney subpoenaed the original bottles they could not be used as evidence?

A. I knew it was an unusual proceeding. We were ready to give legal evidence, and we did not regard the District Attorney's three cases as evidence. The cases we sent him were intact.

John R. Isaacson, the policeman, testified that he had made the seizure, opened one case, taken a half pint sample for the chemist and taken a bottle of Black and White to Ruston's office because Ruston had ordered that samples of all seizures be sent to him. He said he gave the sample to the chemist in the District Attorney's office.

Hirschfeld grinned.

"When they found that the first bottle was good liquor," he said, "they wanted more—and subpoenaed three cases!"

Capt. Gillen was recalled. He said the remaining seventy-seven bottles were sent to the Property Clerk. The prisoners on their arraignment were discharged, but they did not get back the liquor that went to the District Attorney's office.

Samuel Richmond, an accountant in Hirschfeld's office, said he had undertaken the investigation of Ruston's office after learning that much liquor was being subpoenaed.

"When I inquired what had become of the three cases," he said, "Assistant District Attorney Snyder replied that all the bottles had been found to contain only water, which had been thrown away, bottles and all. The other seventy-seven bottles, which were in the hands of the Property Clerk, were returned to their owners."

Hirschfeld remarked, "I don't believe that story about whiskey turning into water."

OLD PICKPOCKET GAME IS CHARGE AGAINST TWO

Fred Schweitzer, No. 216 First Avenue, Manhattan, and David Plattner, No. 566 Eagle Avenue, the Bronx, were held in \$5,000 bail each to-day in Bridge Plaza Court, charged with an attempt to work an old pickpocket game.

The men were at Greenpoint and Manhattan Avenue, when Schweitzer said he had lost a \$5 gold piece. Say had been thrown away to help him look for it, and it is alleged that Schweitzer and Plattner attempted to pick the pocket of Frederick Jaeger of No. 112 Noble Street.



MRS. HALL



REV. E. W. HALL, FATHER OF MRS. JAS. MILLS

B. R. T. TO FOLLOW INTERBOROUGH IN ACCEPTING UNIFIED TRANSIT

(Continued.)

Under the terms of the reorganization scheme a new issue of securities will be floated by the Interborough with which to retire the old Interborough-Metropolitan 4½ per cent. bonds now outstanding. This issue will consist of \$10,500,000 in ten-year 6 per cent. notes, to be later augmented, making a total issue of \$15,000,000.

The reorganization provides for the complete elimination of the old and burdensome Manhattan lease; it insures a 5-cent fare on the Interborough and the single system of subways and elevated now being maintained; it drives the stock of the Interborough out of the speculative market, prevents the payment of any dividends to Interborough stockholders for five years, and limits

dividends after that time to 7 per cent. (in past years these dividends have run as high as 20 per cent.); it wipes out the watered stock on the system which has been the subject of scandal in financial circles for many years, and brings far closer to realization than even the Transit Commission itself had believed possible the consummation of the tremendous comprehensive plan for solution of the transit problem here outlined by the commission.

The Italian papers have favorably commented upon this step. It is generally felt that Italy cannot be bound by the agreement stipulated at the time of the Treaty of Sevres, inasmuch as that treaty is about to be revised.

L'Espresso says that the treaty was made on the assumption that Greece was destined to be the chief factor in the Near East. That supposition has proved false, the newspaper contends, and a complete revision of the treaty is necessary.

The Giornale d'Italia says: "Foreign Minister Schanzer is looking ahead in order to prevent Greece from being compensated at the expense of Italy, as so often happened before."

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TOM BARRY TAKEN BY IRISH TROOPS

Gen. Mulcahy Hints at Conscription.

HELFEST, Oct. 9.—National Army troops who encountered a party of Republicans in the Carrigahav district, County Cork, took among other prisoners Tom Barry, one of the best known Republican leaders, according to despatches from Southern Ireland to-day.

Barry was originally captured during the siege of the Four Courts in Dublin when he attempted to enter disguised as a nurse. It is reported that when he was apprehended for the second time, in the County Cork encounter, important documents were found in his possession. Barry figured prominently in the ambushes of British troops in the days before the truce.

DUBLIN, Oct. 9 (Associated Press).—The possibility of conscription in Ireland is considered in some quarters to have been forecast by Richard Mulcahy, the Commander-in-Chief, in the course of a speech to a division of the troops at Gormanstown yesterday.

"We in the Irish army look forward to our being a big national organization, through which the young manhood of Ireland will pass for a brief space of time, and they will pass out much better men and better citizens," he said.

676 CARS OF HARD COAL REACH NEW YORK SUNDAY

Mostly in Household Sizes and All for City and Suburbs.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad yesterday brought to New York 676 cars of anthracite coal for the Metropolitan district, the majority in household sizes, it was announced to-day. Perth Amboy received 516 for delivery in Greater New York; local points on the West Shore Railroad, 32; local New Haven points, 5